

Cambridge English

VOCABULARY LIST

Key English Test (KET)

Key English Test for Schools (KETfS)



Introduction to the KET Vocabulary List

The KET Vocabulary List gives teachers a guide to the vocabulary needed when preparing students for the KET and KET for Schools examinations.

Background to the list

The KET Vocabulary List was originally developed by Cambridge ESOL in consultation with external consultants to guide item writers who produce materials for the KET examination. It drew on vocabulary from the Council of Europe's Waystage (1990) specification and other vocabulary which corpus evidence shows is high frequency.

The list covers vocabulary appropriate to the A2 level on the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) and includes receptive vocabulary (words that the candidate is expected to understand but which is not the focus of a question) and productive vocabulary (words that the candidate needs to know in order to answer a question).

The list does not provide an exhaustive list of all words which appear on the KET and KET for Schools question papers and candidates should not confine their study of vocabulary to the list alone.

How the list is updated

The vocabulary of English changes over time, with words being added and other words falling into disuse. In order to maintain its currency, the KET Vocabulary List is updated on an annual basis, with the decision to add or remove words being informed by reference to the **Cambridge Learner Corpus** and **English Vocabulary Profile**.

The **Cambridge Learner Corpus** is a collection of over 44 million words of English, based upon evidence of language use by learners from all over the world and from which the **English Vocabulary Profile** has developed. The **English Vocabulary Profile** shows the most common words and phrases that learners of English need to know in British or American English. The meaning of each word or phrase in the wordlists has been assigned a level between A1 and B2 on the CEFR.

A preview version of the **English Vocabulary Profile** can be accessed by visiting the website: <http://www.englishprofile.org>

Organisation of the list

- **Word sets**

Some categories of words that a learner at this level might be expected to know, e.g. days of the week, are not included in the alphabetical list but are listed in Appendix 1. Although 'grammar words' (pronouns, modal verbs, etc.) are included, the Language Specifications section of the KET and KET for Schools Handbooks (available from www.cambridgeesol.org) should be consulted for a more complete listing.

- **Exemplification**

Example phrases and sentences showing how words might be used are given only where words with different meanings need to be constrained. For example, *bank* is followed by 'I changed my money in a bank' – this shows that *bank* is limited to the idea of a financial institution: candidates are not expected to know other meanings, such as 'a river bank'.

- **Multi-word verbs**

All multi-word (or phrasal) verbs that a KET or KET for Schools candidate might be expected to know are included in the list. These verbs include 'literal' verbs (i.e. where the meaning is transparent), e.g. *sit down*, *go out* and 'non-literal' verbs, e.g. *look after*, *get up*.

- **Topic lists**

In Appendix 2, words have been grouped together under common KET and/or KET for Schools themes, such as 'Food and Drink', 'House and Home' and 'Sport'.

Unsuitable topics

Cambridge ESOL examinations must not contain anything that might offend or upset candidates, potentially affect their performance or distract them during the examination. A number of 'sensitive' topics are considered unsuitable for use in KET and KET for Schools, for example war and politics, and vocabulary relating to these is not included in the KET Vocabulary List.

Personal vocabulary

The content of the KET Vocabulary List is general in nature and is unlikely to cover completely the productive vocabulary that may be required by candidates. Candidates should know the specific lexis they will need to describe themselves and their lives, for example hobbies, likes and dislikes.

Abbreviations

Abbreviations used in the KET Vocabulary List are:

abbrev	abbreviation or acronym	mv	modal verb
adj	adjective	n	noun
adv	adverb	phr v	phrasal verb
av	auxiliary verb	pl	plural
Am Eng	American English	prep	preposition
Br Eng	British English	prep phr	prepositional phrase
conj	conjunction	pron	pronoun
det	determiner	sing	singular
exclam	exclamation	v	verb

Summary of points to be noted

- The list does not include every word that may appear on a KET or KET for Schools paper.
- The list covers receptive and productive vocabulary.
- The list is updated every year.

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A

a/an (det)	ago (adv)	apple (n)
able (adj)	agree (v)	appointment (n)
• be able to	• Yes, I agree with you.	• an appointment with the doctor
about (adv & prep)	• Don't you agree, Sam?	area (n)
• What about a cold drink?	air (n)	arm (n)
• I have about £3. (adv)	• to travel by air	armchair (n)
• a book about animals (prep)	airport (n)	around (adv & prep)
above (adv & prep)	alarm clock (n)	• to travel around (adv)
accident (n)	album (n)	• to sit around the table (prep)
across (adv & prep)	all (adv, det & pron)	arrive (v)
• The bank's across the road.	all right/alright (adj, adv & exclam)	art (n)
• He walked across the bridge.	almost (adv)	article (n)
act (n & v)	alone (adj & adv)	• an article about skiing
activity (n)	along (prep)	artist (n)
actor (n)	already (adv)	as (conj & prep)
actually (adv)	alright (adj, adv & exclam)	• as good as
ad (n)	also (adv)	• as soon as possible
• an ad on TV	always (adv)	• the same as
add (v)	a.m. (adv)	ask (v)
address (n)	amazing (adj)	assistant (n)
adult (adj & n)	ambulance (n)	as well (adv)
advanced (adj)	among (prep)	as well (as) (prep)
adventure (n)	an (det)	at (prep)
advertisement (n)	and (conj)	at / @ (prep)
advice (n)	angry (adj)	• My email address is david@cambridgeesol.org
aeroplane (n)	animal (n)	attractive (adj)
afraid (adj)	another (det & pron)	aunt (n)
after (adv & prep)	answer (n & v)	autumn (n)
afternoon (n)	any (det & pron)	available (adj)
afterwards (adv)	anybody (pron)	away (adv)
again (adv)	anymore (adv)	• He's gone away
against (prep)	anyone (pron)	• It's two kilometres away
• We watched England play against France.	anything (pron)	awful (adj)
age (n)	anyway (adv)	
• I don't know his age.	anywhere (adv)	
aged (adj)	apartment (n)	
	apartment building (n)	

B

baby (n)	before (adv, conj & prep)	blue (adj & n)
back (n, adv & adj)	begin (v)	board (n)
backpack (n)	beginner (n)	The teacher's writing on the (black/white)board.
bad (adj)	beginning (n)	board game (n)
badly (adv)	behind (adv & prep)	boat (n)
badminton (n)	believe (v)	body (n)
bag (n)	belong (v)	boil (v)
bake (v)	below (adv & prep)	boiled (adj)
ball (n)	belt (n)	book (n & v)
balloon (n)	beside (prep)	bookcase (n)
banana (n)	best (adj & adv)	bookshelf (n)
band (n)	better (adj & adv)	bookshop (n) (Br Eng) (Am Eng: bookstore)
bandage (n)	between (prep)	bookstore (n) (Am Eng) (Br Eng: bookshop)
bank (n)	bicycle (n)	boot (n)
I changed my money in the bank.	big (adj)	a pair of boots
barbecue (n)	bike (n)	bored (adj)
baseball (n)	bill (n)	boring (adj)
basketball (n)	Can I have my bill, please?	born (v)
bat (n)	biology (n)	I was born in Manchester.
bath (n)	bird (n)	borrow (v)
bathing suit (n)	birth (n)	She borrowed a book from the library.
bathroom (n)	birthday (n)	boss (n)
bathtub (n)	biscuit (n) (Br Eng) (Am Eng: cookie)	both (pron & det)
battery (n)	bit (n)	bother (v)
be (av & v)	Just a small bit of cake, please.	bottle (n)
beach (n)	black (adj & n)	bottom (n)
bean (n)	blackboard (n)	at the bottom of the stairs
bear (n)	blanket (n)	bowl (n)
beard (n)	block (n)	box (n)
beautiful (adj)	Shall we walk round the block?	boy (n)
because (conj)	blond(e) (adj)	boyfriend (n)
become (v)	blood (n)	brain (n)
bed (n)	blouse (n)	
bedroom (n)		
bee (n)		

brave (adj)
 bread (n)
 break (n & v)
 • a break for lunch (n)
 • Someone's broken the window. (v)
 breakfast (n)
 bridge (n)
 bright (adj)
 brilliant (adj)
 • I thought the film was brilliant!

bring (v)
 broken (adj)
 brother (n)
 brown (adj & n)
 brush (n & v)
 build (v)
 building (n)
 burger (n)
 bus (n)
 business (n)
 businessman (n)
 businesswoman (n)

bus station (n)
 bus stop (n)
 busy (adj)
 but (conj)
 butter (n)
 buy (v)
 by (prep)
 bye (exclam)

C

cabinet (n)
 cafe/café (n)
 cafeteria (n)
 cake (n)
 calendar (n)
 call (n & v)
 • I'll call (phone) again later this afternoon.
 • He's called John.
 • I'm waiting for a call from Anna.
 camel (n)
 camera (n)
 camp (v)
 camping (n)
 campsite (n)
 cap (n)
 capital (n)
 can (n & mv)
 candy (n)
 cannot (mv)
 car (n)

card (n)
 • birthday card
 • credit card
 career (n)
 careful (adj)
 • Be careful!
 carefully (adv)
 car park (n) (Br Eng) (Am Eng: parking lot)
 carpet (n)
 carrot (n)
 carry (v)
 cartoon (n)
 case (n) cash (n & v)
 castle (n)
 cat (n)
 catch (v)
 cathedral (n)
 CD (n)
 CD player (n)
 ceiling (n)
 cell phone (n)

cent (n)
 centre/center (n)
 centimetre/centimeter (cm) (n)
 century (n)
 cereal (n)
 certainly (not) (adv)
 chain (n)
 chair (n)
 change (v & n)
 channel (n)
 chat (n)
 chatroom (n)
 cheap (adj)
 check (v)
 cheese (n)
 chef (n)
 chemist (n) (Br Eng) (Am Eng: drugstore)
 chemistry (n)
 cheque (n)
 chess (n)
 chicken (n)

child (n)	• a tennis coach	could (mv)
chilli (n)	coat (n)	country (n)
chips (n pl)	coffee (n)	countryside (n)
• egg and chips	cola (n)	course (n)
chocolate (n)	cold (adj & n)	• a university course
choose (v)	colleague (n)	• a main course
cinema (n)	collect (v)	• of course (not)
circle (n)	college (n)	cousin (n)
circus (n)	colour (n & v)	cover (v)
city (n)	comb (n)	cow (n)
class (n)	come (v)	crazy (adj)
• a language class	comfortable (adj)	cream (adj & n)
• a first-class ticket	comic (n)	credit card (n)
classical (adj)	company (n)	cricket (n)
classmate (n)	• What's the name of your	cross (n & v)
classroom (n)	company?	• Don't cross the road here! (v)
clean (adj & v)	competition (n)	crossing (n)
cleaner (n)	complete (v)	• Use the crossing to cross the
clear (adj)	computer (n)	street.
• It's not clear to me.	concert (n)	crowd (n)
clearly (adv)	congratulations! (exclam)	crowded (adj)
clever (adj)	contact (n & v)	cry (v)
click (n & v)	conversation (n)	• The baby's crying.
• click here to go to our	cook (n & v)	cup (n)
website	cooker (n)	cupboard (n)
climb (v)	cookie (n) (Am Eng) (Br Eng:	curry (n)
climbing (n)	biscuit)	curtain (n)
clock (n)	cooking (n)	customer (n)
close (adj & v)	cool (adj & exclam)	cut (v)
close to (prep phr)	• That's a cool bike! (adj)	cycle (v)
closed (adj)	copy (v)	cycling (n)
clothes (n pl)	corner (n)	
cloud (n)	• the corner of the street	
cloudy (adj)	correct (adj)	
clown (n)	cost (n & v)	
club (n)	costume (n)	
• to join a club	• I forgot my swimming	
coach (n)	costume.	
• a coach trip		

D

dad (n)	desk (n)	door (n)
daily (adj & adv)	dessert (n)	dot (n)
dance (n & v)	detail (n)	dot com
dancer (n)	diary (n)	double (adj)
dancing (n)	dictionary (n)	a double room
danger (n)	die (v)	down (adv & prep)
dangerous (adj)	difference (n)	download (n & v)
dark (adj)	different (adj)	I downloaded the songs from the internet (v).
date (n)	difficult (adj)	downstairs (adv)
What's the date today?	digital (adj)	Dr (n)
daughter (n)	digital camera (n)	draw (v)
day (n)	dining room (n)	drawer (n)
dead (adj)	dinner (n)	drawing (n)
dear (adj)	dinosaur (n)	dream (n & v)
Dear Anne,	diploma (n)	dress (n & v)
decide (v)	dirty (adj)	dressed (adj)
deep (adj)	disco (n)	drink (n & v)
degree (n)	discount (n)	drive (v)
The temperature's 30 degrees today.	discuss (v)	driver (n)
delay (n & v)	dish (n)	driving licence (n)
- There will be a delay of two hours. (n) - The flight is delayed. (v)	Chicken and chips is my favourite dish.	drugstore (n) (Am Eng) (Br Eng: chemist)
dentist (n)	do (av & v)	drum (n)
department (n)	doctor (n)	dry (adj & v)
department store (n)	document (n)	duck (n)
describe (v)	dog (n)	during (prep)
desert (n)	doll (n)	DVD (n)
	dollar (n)	DVD player (n)
	dolphin (n)	

E

each (det & pron)	enough (adv, det & pron)	example (n)
ear (n)	enter (v)	Look at the example first.
early (adj & adv)	Are you going to enter the poster competition?	for example
earn (v)	Please enter through the side door.	excellent (adj)
earring (n)	entrance (n)	except (conj & prep)
easily (adv)	envelope (n)	excited (adj)
east (n, adj & adv)	eraser (n) (Am Eng) (Br Eng: rubber)	exciting (adj)
easy (adj)	especially (adv)	excuse (v)
eat (v)	euro (n)	Excuse me!
egg (n)	even (adv)	exercise (n & v)
electric (adj)	evening (n)	exhibition (n)
electricity (n)	ever (adv)	art exhibition
elephant (n)	every (det)	exit (n)
elevator (n) (Am Eng) (Br Eng: lift)	everybody (pron)	expensive (adj)
else (adv)	everyone (pron)	explain (v)
Anything else?	everything (pron)	explore (v)
email (n & v)	everywhere (adv)	explorer (n)
empty (adj)	exactly (adv)	This book's about famous explorers.
end (v & n)	examination/exam (n)	extra (adj)
engine (n)		eye (n)
engineer (n)		
enjoy (v)		

F

face (n)	film (n & v)	foot (n)
fact (n)	final (adj)	my right foot
factory (n)	finally (adv)	football (n)
fail (v)	find (v)	footballer (n)
fair (adj)	find out (phr v)	for (prep)
She has fair hair.	fine (adj)	foreign (adj)
fall (n & v)	That's fine!	forest (n)
in the fall (n) (Am Eng) (Br Eng: autumn)	I'm fine, thank you.	forget (v)
he fell and hurt his leg (v)	The weather is fine.	fork (n)
family (n)	finger (n)	knife and fork
famous (adj)	finish (v)	form (n)
fan (n)	fire (n)	Fill in this form.
fantastic (adj)	first (adv & adj)	free (adj & adv)
far (adv)	First... then... (adv)	French fries (n) (Am Eng) (Br Eng: chips)
How far is the next garage?	John came first. (adv)	fresh (adj)
farm (n)	first prize (adj)	fresh fruit
farmer (n)	first name (n)	fridge (n)
fashion (n)	fish (n & v)	fried (adj)
fast (adj & adv)	fishing (n)	friend (n)
fast food (n)	fit (adj)	friendly (adj)
fat (adj)	flat (n)	from (prep)
father (n)	flight (n)	front (n)
favourite (adj)	floor (n)	in the front of the train
feel (v)	The bedrooms are on the first floor.	Stand in front of me.
to feel well	Don't leave your clothes on the floor.	fruit (n)
festival (n)	flower (n)	full (adj)
few (det & adj)	fly (v)	fun (adj & n)
field (n)	fog (n)	funny (adj)
file (n)	foggy (adj)	furniture (n)
fill (v)	follow (v)	further (adj)
fill in (phr v)	food (n)	future (n)
to fill in a form		

G

game (n)	glove (n)	grandparent (n)
garage (n)	go (v)	grandson (n)
garden (n)	goal (n)	granny (n)
garlic (n)	gold (n & adj)	grape (n)
gas (n) (Am Eng) (Br Eng: petrol)	golden (adj)	grass (n)
gas station (n) (Am Eng) (Br Eng: petrol station)	golf (n)	great (adj)
gate (n)	good (adj)	green (adj)
geography (n)	good afternoon (exclam)	grey (adj & n) (Br Eng) (Am Eng: gray)
get (v)	goodbye (exclam)	grilled (adj)
get fit (v)	good evening (exclam)	grocery store (n) (Am Eng)
get off (phr v)	good-looking (adj)	group (n)
• to get off the bus	good morning (exclam)	grow (v)
get on (phr v)	good night (exclam)	grow up (phr v)
• to get on the bus	go out (phr v)	guess (v)
get up (phr v)	• Are you going out this evening?	guest (n)
• to get up in the morning	grade (n)	guest-house (n)
gift (n)	gram(me) (n)	guide (n)
girl (n)	grandchild (n)	guidebook (n)
girlfriend (n)	grand(d)ad (n)	guitar (n)
give (v)	granddaughter (n)	guy (n)
glad (adj)	grandfather (n)	• He's a really nice guy.
glass (n)	grandma (n)	gym (n)
glasses (n pl)	grandmother (n)	
	grandpa (n)	

H

hair (n)	herself (pron)	heating (n)
half (det, n & pron)	• by herself	• Can you turn the heating on?
half-price (adj)	hey (exclam)	heavy (adj)
hall (n)	hi (exclam)	• a heavy blanket
hand (n)	high (adj)	helicopter (n)
handbag (n)	hill (n)	hello (exclam)
happen (v)	him (pron)	honey (n)
happy (adj)	himself (pron)	hope (v)
hard (adj & adv)	• by himself	horrible (adj)
• hard wood (adj)	hip hop (n)	horse (n)
• the homework was hard (adj)	his (det & pron)	hospital (n)
• to work hard (adv)	history (n)	hot (adj)
hat (n)	hit (v)	hotel (n)
hate (v)	hobby (n)	hour (n)
have (av & v)	hockey (n)	house (n)
have got to (mv)	hold (v)	housewife (n)
have to (mv)	holiday (n)	how (adv)
he (pron)	home (n & adv)	however (adv)
head (n)	homework (n)	hungry (adj)
• My head hurts.	headache (n)	hurry (v)
help (v)	headteacher (n)	hurt (v)
her (det & pron)	health (n)	husband (n)
here (adv)	healthy (adj)	
hers (pron)	hear (v)	
	heart (n)	

I

I (pron)	in (adv & prep)	interesting (adj)
ice (n)	include (v)	international (adj)
ice cream (n)	including (prep)	internet (n)
ice skating (n)	indoor (adj)	into (prep)
ID (n)	indoors (adv)	invitation (n)
ID card (n)	information (n)	invite (v)
idea (n)	in front of (prep phr)	island (n)
identification (n)	insect (n)	it (pron)
if (conj)	inside (adv & prep)	IT (n)
ill (adj)	instead (adv)	its (det)
immediately (adv)	instructions (n pl)	itself (pron)
important (adj)	instrument (n)	
improve (v)	interested (adj)	

J

jacket (n)	job (n)	just (adv)
jam (n)	join (v)	- I've just seen Tom. - Just a moment.
fruit jam	journalist (n)	
jazz (n)	journey (n)	
jeans (n pl)	juice (n)	
jewellery (n) (Br Eng) (Am Eng: jewelry)	jump (v)	
	jumper (n)	

K

keep (v)	kick (n & v)	king (n)
- May I keep this? - Keep right!	kilogramme (kg) (n) (Br Eng)	kiss (n & v)
	(Am Eng: kilogram)	kit (n)
key (n)	kilometre (km) (n) (Br Eng)	kitchen (n)
keyboard (n)	(Am Eng: kilometer)	kite (n)
- I play the keyboard in a band. - The keyboard for my computer is broken.	kind (adj & n)	knife (n)
	- That's very kind of you. - What kind of book do you want?	know (v)

L

lake (n)	lend (v)	living room (n)
lamp (n)	less (adj, det & pron)	long (adj)
language (n)	lesson (n)	look (v)
laptop (computer) (n)	let (v)	- You look happy. - Don't look now!
large (adj)	letter (n)	look after (phr v)
last (adj & det)	level (n)	look at (phr v)
late (adv & adj)	language level	look for (phr v)
The train is going to be late. (adj)	library (n)	look out (phr v)
later (adv)	driving licence	Look out – it's going to fall!
I'll see you later.	lie down (phr v)	lorry (n)
latest (adj)	life (n)	lose (v)
laugh (v)	lift (n)	- We lost the game. - I've lost my passport.
lazy (adj)	Take the lift to the third floor.	lost (adj)
learn (v)	light (n & adj)	lots / a lot (n)
least (adv)	like (adv, prep & v)	a lot of homework.
at least	- What's the weather like? (adv) - It's like an orange but bigger. (prep) - I'd like a drink. (v)	loud (adj)
leather (n & adj)	line (n)	love (n & v)
leave (v)	- draw a line - the next line	lovely (adj)
- The train leaves at 10 o'clock. - I left my bag in the cinema. - There isn't any milk left.	lion (n)	low (adj)
left (adj, adv & n)	list (n)	luck (n)
- Go to the left. (n) - left hand (adj) - Turn left. (adv)	listen (v)	lucky (adj)
left-hand (adj)	litre (n) (Br Eng) (Am Eng: liter)	luggage (n)
leg (n)	little (adj)	lunch (n)
lemon (n)	live (v)	lunchtime (n)
lemonade (n)		

M

machine (n)	menu (n)	monthly (adj & adv)
mad (adj)	message (n)	moon (n)
magazine (n)	metre (n) (Br Eng) (Am Eng: meter)	more (adj, adv, det & pron)
mail (n)	metre (n) (Br Eng) (Am Eng: meter)	morning (n)
main course (n)	midday (n)	most (adj, adv, det & pron)
make (v)	middle (n)	mother (n)
make-up (n)	in the middle	motorbike (n)
man (n)	midnight (n)	motorway (n)
manager (n)	might (mv)	mountain (n)
mango (n)	mile (n)	mouse (n)
many (det & pron)	milk (n)	mouth (n)
map (n)	million (n)	move (v)
mark (n)	mind (v)	movie (n) (Am Eng) (Br Eng: film)
market (n)	Do you mind if I close the window?	movie theater (n) (Am Eng) (Br Eng: cinema)
married (adj)	I don't mind if...	movie star (n) (Am Eng) (Br Eng: film star)
match (n)	Never mind.	MP3 player (n)
football match	Mind your head!	Mr (n)
maths/mathematics (n) (Br Eng) (Am Eng: math)	mine (pron)	Mrs (n)
matter (n & v)	mineral water (n)	Ms (n)
It doesn't matter. (v)	minus (prep)	much (adj, adv, det & pron)
What's the matter? (n)	minute (n)	mug (n)
may (mv)	mirror (n)	mum (n)
maybe (adv)	Miss (n)	museum (n)
me (pron)	miss (v)	mushroom (n)
meal (n)	missing (adj)	music (n)
mean (v)	mistake (n)	musical (adj)
meat (n)	mix (v)	musician (n)
mechanic (n)	mobile (phone) (n)	must (mv)
medicine (n)	model (n)	my (det)
meet (v)	modern (adj)	myself (pron)
meeting (n)	moment (n)	by myself
melon (n)	Just a moment.	
member (n)	money (n)	
a member of a club	monkey (n)	
memory (n)	month (n)	

N

name (n)	never (adv)	no one (pron)
national (adj)	new (adj)	normal (adj)
nationality (n)	news (n)	north (n, adj & adv)
nature (n)	newspaper (n)	nose (n)
near (adv & prep)	next (adj & adv)	not (adv)
nearly (adv)	next to (prep)	note (n & v)
neck (n)	nice (adj)	notebook (n)
necklace (n)	night (n)	nothing (pron)
need (v)	no (adv, det & pron)	notice (n)
neighbour (n)	nobody (pron)	now (adv)
net (n)	noise (n)	number (n)
I found a great website on the net.	noisy (adj)	nurse (n)
	noon (n)	

O

occupation (n)	once (adv)	ours (pron)
o'clock (adv)	only once	ourselves (pron)
of (prep)	one (det & pron)	out (adv)
of course (not) (adv)	onion (n)	outdoors (adv)
off (adv)	online (adj & adv)	out of (prep)
offer (n & v)	only (adv & adj)	outside (prep & adv)
office (n)	I only wanted to help.	over (prep & adv)
often (adv)	the only one	over 60 people (adv)
oh (exclam)	open (adj & v)	to travel all over the world (prep)
oil (n)	opera (n)	own (adj)
- car oil - cooking oil	opposite (prep)	They cook their own meals.
OK/okay (exclam)	or (conj)	
old (adj)	orange (adj & n)	
omelette (n)	order (n)	
on (prep & adv)	other (det & pron)	
	our (det)	

P

pack (v)	people (n pl)	play (v & n)
• pack a suitcase	pepper (n)	• to play football (v)
page (n)	per (prep)	• to play the guitar (v)
pain (n)	perfect (adj)	• a play at the theatre (n)
paint (v & n)	perfume (n)	player (n)
painter (n)	perhaps (adv)	playground (n)
painting (n)	person (n)	pleasant (adj)
pale (adj)	pet (n)	please (v & exclam)
pair (n)	petrol (n)	• I'm very pleased for you. (v)
• a pair of shoes	petrol station (n)	• Please be quiet!
paper (n & adj)	pharmacy (n)	pleased (adj)
pardon (exclam)	phone (v & n)	plus (prep)
• Pardon?	photo(graph) (n)	p.m. (adv)
parent (n)	photographer (n)	pocket (n)
park (n & v)	photography (n)	point (v)
parking lot (n) (Am Eng) (Br Eng: car park)	physics (n)	police (n)
part (n)	piano (n)	police car (n)
• the best part of the day	pick up (phr v)	police officer (n)
partner (n)	picnic (n)	police station (n)
party (n)	picture (n)	polite (adj)
pass (v)	piece (n)	pool (n)
• You pass the station on the left.	• a piece of cake	• swimming pool
• to pass a driving test	pillow (n)	poor (adj)
passenger (n)	pilot (n)	pop (n)
passport (n)	pink (adj)	• pop music
past (prep)	pity (n)	popular (adj)
pasta (n)	• What a pity!	possible (adj)
path (n)	pizza (n)	possibly (adv)
pay (v)	place (n)	post (v & n)
PC (personal computer) (n)	plan (n & v)	• to post a letter
pear (n)	plane (n)	• What's in the post today?
pen (n)	• The plane was late.	postcard (n)
pence (n)	plant (n)	poster (n)
pencil (n)	plastic (n & adj)	post office (n)
pencil case (n)	plate (n)	potato (n)
penfriend (n)	platform (n)	pound (£) (n)
penny (n)	• Your train leaves from Platform 8.	practice (n) (Br Eng) (Am Eng:

practise)	price (n)	project (n)
• football practice	print (v)	• a school project
practise (v)	printer (n)	pull (v)
• You must practise if you want to play well.	prize (n)	pupil (n)
prefer (v)	probably (adv)	purple (adj)
prepare (v)	problem (n)	purse (n)
present (n)	program (n)	push (v)
• a birthday present	• a computer program	put (v)
pretty (adj)	programme (n)	put on (phr v)
	• a TV programme	puzzle (n)

Q

quarter (n)	quick (adj)	quite (adv)
• a quarter of an hour	quickly (adv)	• Are you quite sure?
queen (n)	quiet (adj)	• quite old
question (n)		quiz (n)

R

rabbit (n)	receipt (n)	rice (n)
race (n & v)	receive (v)	rich (adj)
• a running race (n)	receptionist (n)	ride (n & v)
• She raced her brother to the bus stop. (v)	record (v)	right (n, adj & adv)
racket (n)	red (adj)	• He swam to the right. (n)
• Can I borrow your tennis racket?	refrigerator (n)	• your right hand (adj)
radio (n)	remember (v)	• That's the right answer. (adj)
railway (n)	rent (v)	• Turn right here. (adv)
rain (n & v)	repair (v)	right hand (adj)
raincoat (n)	repeat (v)	ring (n)
rap (n)	rest (n & v)	river (n)
read (v)	• to have a rest (n)	road (n)
reading (n)	• 'Try to rest', the doctor said. (v)	roast (v & adj)
ready (adj)	restaurant (n)	rock (n)
• When will it be ready?	return (n & v)	• rock concert
real (adj)	• my return from holiday (n)	roof (n)
really (adv)	• He returned home late. (v)	room (n)
reason (n)	• She returned her library books. (v)	• a double room
		round (adj)

roundabout (n)
rubber (n)
rugby (n)
ruler (n)

run (v)
runner (n)
running (n)

S

sad (adj)

safe (adj)

sail (v)

sailing (n)

salad (n)

sale (n)

- for sale

salt (n)

same (adj & pron)

- at the same time (adj)
- Your watch is the same as mine.
(pron)

sandwich (n)

sauce (n)

sausage (n)

save (v)

- to save money
- to save time

say (v)

scarf (n)

school (n)

schoolchild (n)

science (n)

scissors (n pl)

scooter (n)

screen (n)

sea (n)

seat (n)

second (adj, det & n)

secretary (n)

see (v)

sell (v)

send (v)

sentence (n)

serve (v)

set (n)

several (det & pron)

shall (mv)

shame (n)

- What a shame!

shampoo (n & v)

share (v)

she (pron)

sheep (n)

sheet (n)

- a bed sheet

shelf (n)

ship (n)

shirt (n)

shoe (n)

shop (n & v)

shop assistant (n)

shopping (n)

short (adj)

- a short time

shorts (n pl)

should (mv)

shout (v)

show (v & n)

- Show me your photos. (v)
- a film show (n)

shower (n)

shut (v)

sick (adj)

side (n)

- this side of the room

sightseeing (n)

sign (n)

silver (n & adj)

simple (adj)

since (prep)

sing (v)

singer (n)

singing (n)

single (adj)

sink (n)

sister (n)

sit (v)

sit down (phr v)

site (n)

sitting room (n)

size (n)

skate (v)

skateboard (n)

skateboarding (n)

skating (n)

ski (v)

skiing (n)

skirt (n)

sky (n)

sleep (v)

slice (n)

slim (adj)

slow (adj)

slowly (adv)

small (adj)

smoke (v)

smoking (n)

snack (n)

snow (n & v)

snowboard (n)	sport (n)	study (v)
snowboarding (n)	sports centre (n)	subject (n)
so (conj & adv)	spring (n)	What's your favourite subject at school?
- So, I think it's right. (conj) - He ate too much, so he felt ill. (conj) - He wanted to go but he didn't say so. (adv)	I hate winter but I love spring.	the subject of a talk
soap (n)	square (n & adj)	such (det)
soccer (n)	stadium (n)	suddenly (adv)
sock (n)	staff (n)	sugar (n)
sofa (n)	stage (n)	suit (n)
soft (adj)	stairs (n pl)	He was wearing a grey suit.
software (n)	stamp (n)	suitcase (n)
some (det & pron)	Put a stamp on the envelope.	summer (n)
somebody (pron)	stand (v)	sun (n)
someone (pron)	She was standing at the bus stop.	sunglasses (n pl)
something (pron)	star (n & v)	sunny (adj)
sometimes (adv)	start (v)	supermarket (n)
somewhere (adv)	station (n)	supper (n)
son (n)	stay (v)	suppose (v)
song (n)	steak (n)	- I suppose so. - I suppose you're right.
soon (adv)	steal (v)	sure (adj)
sorry (adj)	Someone's stolen my bag!	I'm (not) sure.
- I'm sorry I'm late. - Sorry, I don't understand that.	still (adv)	surf (v)
sort (n)	stomach (n)	surfboard (n)
sound (v)	stomach ache (n)	surfing (n)
That sounds nice.	stop (n & v)	surname (n)
soup (n)	store (n)	surprise (n)
south (n, adj & adv)	storm (n)	surprised (adj)
space (n)	story (n)	sweater (n)
spare (adj)	straight (adj & adv)	sweet (n & adj)
speak (v)	- a straight line (adj) - Go straight on. (adv)	swim (v)
speaker (n)	strange (adj)	swimming (n)
special (adj)	That's a strange story!	swimming costume (n) (Br Eng)
spell (v)	street (n)	(Am Eng: bathing suit)
spelling (n)	strong (adj)	swimming pool (n)
spend (v)	student (n)	swimsuit (n)
spoon (n)	studies (n pl)	

T

table (n)	their (det)	tooth (n)
table tennis (n)	theirs (pron)	toothbrush (n)
take (v)	them (pron)	top (n)
- I'll take it to your room. - It takes three hours.	themselves (pron)	the top of the page
take off (phr v)	then (adv)	total (adj & n)
She took off her shoes.	there (adv)	tour (n)
talk (n & v)	these (det & pron)	tour guide (n)
tall (adj)	they (pron)	tourist (n)
taxi (n)	thin (adj)	tourist information centre (n)
tea (n)	thing (n)	towel (n)
teach (v)	think (v)	town (n)
teacher (n)	thirsty (adj)	toy (n)
team (n)	this (det & pron)	traffic (n)
teenager (n)	those (det & pron)	traffic light (n)
telephone (n & v)	through (prep)	train (n)
television (TV) (n)	throw (v)	trainer (n)
tell (v)	thunderstorm (n)	a pair of trainers
temperature (n)	ticket (n)	tram (n)
The temperature was below zero.	tidy (adj & v)	travel (v)
tennis (n)	tidy up (v)	tree (n)
tent (n)	tie (n)	trip (n)
term (n)	tiger (n)	trouble (n)
terrible (adj)	tights (n pl)	trousers (n pl)
test (n)	till (prep)	true (adj)
text (n & v)	time (n)	try (v)
textbook (n)	timetable (n)	try on (phr v)
text message (n)	tired (adj)	T-shirt (n)
than (prep & conj)	to (prep)	turn (v)
thank (v)	toast (n)	turn off (phr v)
thanks (exclam)	today (n & adv)	Turn the gas off.
thank you (exclam)	toe (n)	turn on (phr v)
that (conj & pron)	together (adv)	Turn the heating on.
the (det)	toilet (n)	twice (adv)
theatre (n) (Br Eng) (Am Eng: theater)	tomato (n)	type (n)
	tomorrow (n & adv)	tyre (n) (Am Eng: tire)
	tonight (n & adv)	
	too (adv)	

U

umbrella (n)	uniform (n)	us (pron)
uncle (n)	university (n)	use (v)
under (prep)	until (prep)	useful (adj)
underground (n & adj)	unusual (adj)	usual (adj)
understand (v)	up (prep & adv)	usually (adv)
unfortunately (adj)	upset (adj)	
unhappy (n)	upstairs (adv)	

V

v/versus (prep)	video (n)	visitor (n)
• Manchester United v Liverpool	video game (n)	vocabulary (n)
variety (n)	view (n)	volleyball (n)
various (adj)	village (n)	
vegetable (n)	violin (n)	
very (adv)	visit (v)	

W

wait (v)	way (n)	• Welcome to London!
waiter (n)	• Do it this way.	(exclam)
waitress (n)	• one-way street	well (adv & adj)
wake (v)	• Is this the quickest way	well known (adj)
wake up (phr v)	home?	west (n, adj & adv)
walk (v)	we (pron)	wet (adj)
walking (n)	wear (v)	what (det & pron)
wall (n)	weather (n)	wheel (n)
wallet (n)	web (n)	when (adv)
want (v)	web page (n)	where (adv)
warm (adj)	website (n)	which (det & pron)
wash (v)	week (n)	while (conj)
washing machine (n)	weekday (n)	white (adj)
washing-up (n)	weekend (n)	who (pron)
wash up (phr v)	weekly (adj & adv)	whole (adj & n)
watch (n & v)	welcome (adj & exclam)	• the whole world (adj)
water (n)	• You're welcome (adj)	• the whole of July (n)

why (adv)
wide (adj)
wife (n)
wild (adj)
• wild animals
will ('ll) (mv)
win (v)
wind (n)
window (n)
windsurfing (n)
windy (adj)
winner (n)
winter (n)

wish (n)
• Best wishes.
with (prep)
without (prep)
woman (n)
wonderful (adj)
wood (n)
wooden (adj)
wool (n)
word (n)
work (n & v)
worker (n)
world (n)

worried (adj)
worry (v)
worse (adj)
worst (adj)
would (mv)
wow (exclam)
write (v)
write down (phr v)
writer (n)
writing (n)
wrong (adj)

Y

yeah (exclam)
year (n)
yellow (adj)
yes (adv)
yesterday (adv)

yet (adv)
• Has he arrived yet?
yoghurt (n)
you (pron)
young (adj)

your (det)
yours (pron)
yourself (pron)

Z

zero (n)
zoo (n)

Appendix 1

Word sets

In addition to the words in the alphabetical list, KET and KET for Schools candidates are expected to know:

Cardinal numbers

one, two, three, etc. *to* one thousand

Ordinal numbers

first, second, third, fourth, etc. *to* thirty-first

Days of the week

Monday, Tuesday, etc.

Months of the year

January, February, etc.

Seasons of the year

spring, summer, autumn, winter

Countries, languages and nationalities

English-speaking countries and others, for example Brazil/Brazilian, Canada/Canadian, China/Chinese, France/French, Ireland/Irish, India/Indian, Italy/Italian, Spain/Spanish, etc.

Continents

Africa, Australia, North America, South America, Asia, Antarctica, Europe

Appendix 2

Topic Lists

Appliances

camera	DVD (player)	laptop	telephone
CD (player)	electric	lights	television / TV
cell phone	electricity	mobile (phone)	video
clock	fridge	MP3 player	washing machine
computer	gas	PC	
cooker	heating	phone	
digital camera	lamp	radio	

Clothes and Accessories

bag	fashion	raincoat	tights
bathing suit	glasses	ring	trainers
belt	glove	scarf	trousers
blouse	handbag	shirt	try on (v)
boot	hat	shoes	T-shirt
bracelet	jacket	shorts	umbrella
cap	jeans	skirt	uniform
chain	jewellery / jewelry	suit	wallet
clothes	jumper	sunglasses	watch
coat	kit	sweater	wear (v)
costume (swimming)	necklace	swimming costume	
dress	pocket	swimsuit	
earring	purse	tie	

Colours

black	golden	orange	red
blue	green	pale	white
brown	grey	pink	yellow
dark	light	purple	

Communication and Technology

address	digital	laptop (computer)	screen
at / @	digital camera	mobile (phone)	software
by post	dot	mouse	talk
call (v)	download (n & v)	MP3 player	telephone
camera	DVD (player)	net	text (n & v)
CD (player)	email (n & v)	online	video
cell phone	envelope	PC	web
chat	file	photograph	web page
click (v)	information	photography	website
computer	internet	phone	
conversation	keyboard	printer	

Documents and Texts

ad / advertisement	diary	magazine	passport
article	diploma	menu	postcard
bill	email	message	project
book	form	newspaper	text (n & v)
card	letter	note	textbook
comic	licence	notebook	ticket

Education

advanced	course	lesson	ruler
beginner	desk	level	school
biology	dictionary	library	science
blackboard	diploma	mark	student
board	eraser	maths/mathematics	studies
book	exam(ination)	note	study (v)
bookshelf	geography	physics	subject
chemistry	history	practice (n)	teach
class	homework	practise (v)	teacher
classmate	information	project	term
classroom	instructions	pupil	test (n)
clever	know	read	university
coach	language	remember	
college	learn	rubber	

Entertainment and Media

act	draw	magazine	practise (v)
actor	drawing	MP3 player	programme
adventure	disco	museum	project
advertisement	drum	music	radio
art	DVD (player)	musician	read (v)
article	exhibition	news	rock (concert)
board game	festival	newspaper	screen (n)
book	film (n & v)	opera	show (n)
card	fun	paint (v)	sing
cartoon	go out	painter	singer
CD (player)	group	photograph	song
chess	guitar	photographer	television / TV
cinema	hip hop	photography	theatre
classical (music)	instrument	piano	ticket
competition	keyboard	picture	video (game)
concert	laugh	play (n)	watch (v)
dance (n & v)	listen to	pop (music)	
dancer	look at	practice (n)	

Family and Friends

aunt	girl	group	mum(my)
boy	grandchild	guest	neighbour
brother	grand(d)ad	guy	parent
child	granddaughter	husband	pen-friend
cousin	grandfather	love (n & v)	sister
dad(dy)	grandma	married	son
daughter	grandmother	Miss	surname
family	grandpa	mother	teenager
father	grandparent	Mr	uncle
friend	grandson	Mrs	wife
friendly	granny	Ms	

Food and Drink

apple	chocolate	ice	plate
bake	coffee	ice cream	potato
banana	cola	jam	rice
barbecue	cook (n & v)	juice	roast (v & adj)
biscuit	cooker	kitchen	salad
boil	cream	knife	salt
boiled	cup	lemon	sandwich
bottle	curry	lemonade	sauce
bowl	cut (n)	lunch	sausage
box	dessert	main course	slice (n)
bread	dinner	meal	snack (n)
break (n)	dish (n)	meat	soup
breakfast	drink	melon	steak
burger	eat	menu	sugar
butter	egg	milk	sweet (n & adj)
cafe/café	fish	mineral water	tea
cafeteria	food	mushroom	thirsty
cake	fork	oil	toast
can (n)	fridge	omelette	tomato
candy	fried	onion	vegetable
carrot	fruit	orange	waiter
cereal	garlic	pasta	waitress
cheese	glass	pear	wash up
chef	grape	pepper	yog(h)urt
chicken	grilled	picnic	
chilli	honey	piece of cake	
chips	hungry	pizza	

Health, Medicine and Exercise

accident	cut (v)	foot	pain
ambulance	danger	hair	problem
appointment	dangerous	hand	rest (n)
arm	dead	head	run
baby	dentist	health	sick
back	die	hear (v)	soap
bandage	doctor	heart	stomach
blood	Dr	hospital	stomach ache
body	ear	hurt (v)	swim
brain	exercise	ill	temperature
break (v)	eye	leg	tired
check (v)	face	lie down	tooth
chemist	fall (v)	medicine	toothache
clean (adj & v)	feel (v)	neck	toothbrush
cold (n)	finger	nose	walk
comb (n)	fit	nurse	well (adj)

Hobbies and Leisure

barbecue	CD (player)	guitar	musician
beach	club	hobby	paint (n & v)
bicycle	collect (v)	holidays	park
bike	computer	join	party
book	dance (n & v)	magazine	photograph (n & v)
camera	draw	member	picnic
camp	DVD (player)	MP3 player	quiz
camping	festival	museum	tent
campsite	go out	music	video game

House and Home

address	computer	garage	refrigerator
apartment	cooker	garden	roof
armchair	cupboard	gas	room
bath(tub)	curtain	gate	safe (adj)
bathroom	desk	hall	shelf
bed	dining room	heating	shower
bedroom	door	home	sink
blanket	downstairs	house	sitting room
bookcase	drawer	key	sofa
bookshelf	DVD (player)	kitchen	stay (v)
bowl	entrance	lamp	toilet
box	flat (n)	light	towel
carpet	floor	live (v)	
chair	fridge	living room	
clock	furniture	pillow	

Measurements

centimetre / centimeter	hour	minute	week
day	kilo(gram[me])/kg	moment	year
degree	kilometre/km/kilometer	quarter	
gram(me)	litre / liter	second	
half	metre / meter	temperature	

Personal Feelings, Opinions and Experiences (adjectives)

able	difficult	kind	soft
afraid	excellent	lovely	sorry
alone	famous	lucky	special
amazing	fast	married	strange
angry	favourite	modern	strong
bad	fine	nice	sure
beautiful	free	noisy	sweet
better	friendly	old	tall
big	funny	pleasant	terrible
bored	good	poor	tired
boring	great	pretty	unhappy
brave	happy	quick	useful
brilliant	hard	quiet	well
busy	heavy	ready	worried
careful	high	real	wrong
clear	hungry	rich	young
clever	important	right	
cool	interested	slow	
different	interesting	small	

Places: Buildings

apartment (building)	college	hospital	school
bank	department store	hotel	shop
block	disco	house	sports centre
bookshop	elevator	library	stadium
bookstore	entrance	lift	supermarket
building	exit	museum	swimming pool
cafe/café	factory	office	theatre
cafeteria	flat	pharmacy	university
castle	garage	police station	
cathedral	grocery store	post office	
cinema	guest-house	railway station	

Places: Countryside

area	forest	path	sky
beach	hill	railway	village
campsite	island	rainforest	wood
farm	lake	river	
field	mountain	sea	

Places: Town and City

airport	city centre	petrol station	station
bridge	corner	playground	street
bus station	market	road	town
bus stop	motorway	roundabout	underground
car park	park	square	zoo

Services

bank	doctor	petrol station	theatre
cafe / café	garage	post office	tourist information
cafeteria	hotel	restaurant	
cinema	library	sports centre	
dentist	museum	swimming pool	

Shopping

ad / advertisement	cheque	expensive	shop
assistant	close (v)	for sale	shop assistant
bill	closed	open (v & adj)	shopper
bookshop	cost (n & v)	pay (for)	shopping
buy (v)	credit card	penny	spend
cash (n & v)	customer	pound	store
cent	department store	price	supermarket
change (n & v)	dollar	receipt	try on
cheap	euro	rent	

Sport

ball	football	riding	swimming
badminton	football player	rugby	swimming costume
baseball	game	run (v)	swimming pool
basketball	goal	sailing	swimsuit
bat	golf	sea	table tennis
bathing suit	hockey	skate (v)	team
beach	kit	skateboard (n)	tennis
bicycle	luck	ski (v)	tennis player
bike	member	skiing	throw (v)
boat	play (v)	snowboard (n)	ticket
catch (v)	player	snowboarding	tired
climb (v)	pool (n)	soccer	trainers
club	practice (n)	sport(s)	v / versus
coach (n)	practise (v)	sports centre	volleyball
competition	prize	stadium	walk (v)
cricket	race (n & v)	surf	watch (v)
cycling	racket	surfboard	win (v)
enter (a competition)	rest (n & v)	surfboarding	windsurfing
fishing	ride (n & v)	swim	winner

The Natural World

air	fire	moon	spring
autumn	flower	mountain	star
beach	forest	north	summer
bee	grass	plant	tree
country	grow	rabbit	water
countryside	hill	river	west
desert	hot	sea	winter
east	ice	sky	wood
explorer	island	south	wool
field	lake	space	world

Time

afternoon	evening	morning	tonight
a.m./p.m.	half (past)	night	week
appointment	holidays	noon	weekday
autumn	hour	o'clock	weekend
birthday	January - December	past	weekly
calendar	meeting	quarter (past/to)	winter
century	midnight	second	working hours
clock	minute	spring	year
daily	moment	summer	yesterday
date	Monday - Sunday	time	
day	month	today	
diary	monthly	tomorrow	

Travel and Transport

(aero)/(air)plane	explorer	park (v)	street
airport	far	passenger	suitcase
ambulance	flight	passport	taxi
backpack	fly	petrol	ticket
boat	garage	petrol station	tour (n)
bridge	helicopter	pilot	tour guide
bus	journey	platform	tourist
bus station	leave	railway	tourist information centre
bus stop	left	repair (v)	traffic
car	light	return (n & v)	traffic light
case	luggage	ride	tram
coach	machine	right	travel
country	map	road	trip
delay (n & v)	mechanic	roundabout	tyre
delayed	mirror	sailing	underground (n)
drive	miss (v)	seat	visit
driver	motorbike	ship	visitor
driving/driver's licence	motorway	station	way (n)
engine	move	stop	wheel
engineer	oil	straight on	window

Weather

cloud	hot	sun	wet
cloudy	ice	sunny	wind
cold	rain	thunderstorm	windy
fog	snow	warm	
foggy	storm	weather	

Work and Jobs

actor	diploma	journalist	secretary
artist	doctor	king	shop assistant
boss	Dr	letter	shopper
break (n)	driver	manager	singer
business	earn	mechanic	staff
businessman	email (n & v)	meeting	student
businesswoman	engineer	message	teacher
chemist	explorer	musician	tennis player
cleaner	factory	nurse	tour guide
coach (n)	farm	occupation	uniform
company	farmer	office	waiter/ waitress
computer	footballer	painter	work
cook (n & v)	football player	photographer	worker
customer	guest	pilot	writer
dentist	guide	police officer	
desk	instructions	queen	
diary	job	receptionist	